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**ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDY ABROAD**

**District 5950 Global Scholarships**

**Grant Terms and Conditions for Study beginning Fall 2025**

District 5950 will provide funding for at least one Global Grant Scholarship annually.

Criteria

* Funding amount: $30,000, which can be used for one or more years of study.
* **Graduate study in a degree program** in a country other than the United States, where the institution of study is located in a Rotary District but is not one of Rotary’s seven Peace Centers.
* Cannot use the scholarship to fund studies that have already begun.
* The area of study and the applicant’s planned vocation must be in one of The Rotary Foundation’s seven areas of focus:

• Peace and Conflict Resolution

• Disease Prevention and Treatment

• Water & Sanitation

• Maternal and Child Health

• Basic Education and Literacy

• Economic and Community Development

• Environment

Applicant Requirements

An applicant for a District 5950 Global Scholarship must:

1. Reside in District 5950 (given priority). Alternatively, applicant’s parents must currently reside in District 5950 if the applicant is attending college or working outside District 5950. Applicants who have a significant relationship to a District 5950 Club may also be considered. District 5950 e-Clubs need to further describe the significant relationship to District 5950.
2. Establish a significant relationship with a District 5950 Rotary Club (“Sponsoring Club”).
3. Submit a complete application by the deadline of **October 15, 2024**, including a budget for the use of the Scholarship Grant.
4. With the help of their Sponsoring 5950 Club, locate and identify one or more potential overseas Host Clubs near the proposed study institution.
5. **Not** be a Rotarian or related to a Rotarian (see Application certification description).

If selected, the applicant will do the following:

* Obtain admission to the institution and provide evidence of admission no later than **March 15, 2025**.
* Attend an orientation session and pass the online orientation test before departure for studies.
* Provide receipts for all qualifying expenditures as detailed below.
* Provide reports during and after the period of study as detailed below.
* Make at least two presentations to the overseas Host Club during the study period, highlighting the progress made.

District 5950 Sponsoring Club Requirements

The Sponsoring 5950 Rotary Club must:

1. Assist the applicant with his or her application, including screening for suitability.
2. As with any Rotary Global Grant, establish a relationship with a Host Rotary Club. It is recommended, but not required, that the Sponsoring Club contact a prospective Host Club before the application is submitted to District 5950 to confirm that a prospective Host Club is committed to participate.
3. Have a current Club Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place with District 5950 and be in good standing on all existing grants. Assure that the Host Rotary Club has a current Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in place and is in good standing on all existing grants.
4. Disburse the scholarship proceeds. The Sponsoring Club is responsible to disburse the proceeds against receipts for eligible expenses and to provide a Final Report at the conclusion, as with any other Global Grant. **The Club will need to maintain a separate checking account for this purpose.**

The Sponsoring Host Club will welcome the scholar, helping with any arrangements as needed, and involving the scholar in local Rotary Club and District meetings, Club activities and projects.

District Selection Process

1. The District Global Scholarship Interview Subcommittee will review and screen applications, interview candidates, and select applicants to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for the Global Scholarship. The application cannot be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for final approval until

1) the applicant has evidence of admission to the institution of study, and

2) the Sponsoring 5950 Club has established a relationship with a Host Club in the District where the institution is located.

1. District 5950 will provide funding to match The Rotary Foundation funding, resulting in the $30,000 scholarship per scholar.

Timeline

District Application to Sponsoring Club Summer months 2024

District Application due to District Committee October 15, 2024

Notification to Applicants of persons selected for interviews October 20, 2024

Interviews Late Oct/early Nov 2024

Selection by District Late Oct/early Nov 2024

Application to institutions (recommended: two or three) November 15, 2024

Proof of admission acceptance to institution March 15, 2025

Proof of established Host Club relationship March 15, 2025

Submission of completed The Rotary Foundation Global Grant

 application, including evidence of admission and Host Club March/April 2025

 relationship

Anticipated date for confirmation of The Rotary Foundation

 Global Grant acceptance May 2025

Global Scholarship Orientation Summer 2025

 Commencement of Study Fall 2025 – Spring 2026

 (or longer, depending on program)

**Additional Information**

A Global Scholarship is subject to all of the terms and conditions of any Rotary Global Grant. These current terms and conditions can be found on the Rotary International website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)). Some terms of relevance to Global Scholars are:

**Budget**

Post-approval/Pre-travel expenses to be covered

 Cost of required country visas, but not personal passport

 Cost of required inoculations, but not doctor appointments

 Travel expenses as specified in the grant terms and conditions

 Cost of application fee for the institution accepted and attending, if Rotary District has approved the scholar

Eligible expenses during Study Period

 Tuition

 School supplies - Eligible: books, workbooks, but not personal computers

 Room and board

 Study-related travel

 Cost of Medical Insurance premiums, but only if **required** by institution for attendance

Ineligible Expenses (i.e. most personal or miscellaneous expenses)

 Any expenses incurred before the application is approved (application fees, language exam fees, etc.)

 Purchase of

* Furniture
* Automobile
* Bicycle
* Clothing

 All expenses for spouses and dependents

 Housing expenses in the scholar’s home country during the scholarship period

 Any taxes owed as a result of receiving the scholarship

 Medical care (including dental care)

 Entertainment

 Personal travel

 Expenses related to Rotary events (e.g. Rotary District Conference fees, etc.)

**If Grant Budget includes Travel:** The Sponsoring Club is responsible for maintaining emergency contact information and travel itineraries for all grant recipients traveling on grant funds.

The Rotary Foundation grants may cover the following budgeted expenses related to travel:

 1. Economy-class ticket(s)

 2. Transportation to and from airports and local travel related to grant implementation

3. Cost of inoculations/immunizations, visas (not passport), and entry and exit taxes 4. Normal and reasonable luggage charges

The Rotary Foundation grants ***will not*** cover the following expenses related to travel:

 1. Expenses associated with optional stopovers before or after preapproved travel

2. Penalties resulting from changes in personal travel arrangements, including optional stopovers

3. Excess baggage charges, shipping charges, and any supplemental insurance

Global Scholars are responsible for:

1. Making travel arrangements. Failure to arrange travel promptly may increase the cost of travel or result in the cancellation of the scholarship.

2. Any expenses that exceed $30,000, unless approved by The Rotary Foundation

3. Meeting all medical requirements for international travel.

4. Arranging and funding any personal travel. Such travel may take place for a maximum of four weeks at the end of the grant activities, after which grant recipients are expected to return home.

5. Abiding by Rotary International country travel restrictions.

**Language Proficiency:**

If an academic language is offered only in the study country’s language, the applicant must have language proficiency in the study country’s language. Because many graduate programs throughout the world are offered in English, foreign-language proficiency is therefore not required.

**Orientation:**

Global Scholars are expected to

1. Demonstrate knowledge of Rotary

2. Participate in an orientation session before departure

3. Participate in Club and District activities as requested by their Minnesota and Host Club sponsors

Global Scholars are required to participate in an outbound orientation session before departure.

Options include a regional scholar orientation seminar and the self-guided online orientation (using the Rotary Foundation presentation).

**Reports by Scholar:**

1. Financial reports. The scholar will submit statements of expenses monthly (or as agreed to by the Sponsoring Club and scholar) to their Sponsoring Club for the duration of the scholarship and will include all expense receipts in order to receive reimbursement. No expense will be reimbursed without an eligible receipt. The scholar can be provided with an appropriate first-month advance for anticipated expenses followed by reimbursements thereafter.
2. Study reports. The scholar will submit quarterly reports summarizing the studies/research to their Sponsoring Club, including the relationship to the pertinent Area of Focus and the scholar’s Rotary and community involvement. These reports should also be sent to or be presented at the Host sponsoring Club meetings. The scholar should make at least two presentations to the Host sponsoring Club as appropriate during the study period.
3. Program report. The scholar will make a final report to their Sponsoring Club after the academic study is completed to update post-scholarship progress and/or Rotary connections. If the scholar is in the Sponsoring Club location, the scholar will make an in-person final presentation.
4. Final Grant Report. Upon completion of the scholarship, the scholar will assist the Sponsoring Club in completing a Final Report that is reviewed and accepted by The Rotary Foundation.